



## Public Notice

Alaska Coastal Management Program

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## ABC List Revision – 2008 Consistency Comment Period Extension to August 20, 2008 Your Opportunity to Comment

### Project Title/State ID#:

ABC List Revision - 2008 / AK 0803-05J

### Applicant/Agent:

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### Location:

(Please refer to the "Project Description" to follow.)

### Review Schedule (50 days):

- Day 1.....7/8/2008
- **Comments due on or before.....8/20/2008**
- Final determination issued by.....9/10/2008

### How you can participate:

These documents are being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Your comments on the proposed project's consistency must be submitted in writing to the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM).

*Comments about inconsistency must identify the relevant enforceable policy and explain how the project is not consistent with that policy.*

**Deadline for written comments:  
5:00 PM on August 20, 2008**

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### Project Description:

The Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM) has initiated a comprehensive revision of the "*List of Expedited Consistency Reviews and State Authorizations Subject to the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP)*", otherwise known as the "ABC List". DCOM will be conducting an ACMP consistency review of the A List and the B-I List revisions and is requesting consistency comments on those two components of the ABC List. The B-II list and the C List are also being provided for technical review and DCOM is requesting public comments and recommendations on the technical changes completed on the B-II List and the C List.

Significant legislative amendments to the ACMP statutes were approved by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) in December of 2005. These revisions were intended to simplify the program and reduce duplication with existing state and federal agency resource management policies. The program as approved still requires conclusive consistency determinations under revised program regulations. The State, through DCOM, implements the ACMP by reviewing proposed projects to ensure they are consistent with state standards and approved coastal district programs. The ACMP statewide standards were substantially revised as part of the program amendment process.

Alaska Statute 46.40.096(m) directs DNR to establish a list of resource agency authorizations that are subject to a consistency review and develop a list of activities that are categorically or generally consistent with the ACMP. This list is entitled the *List of Expedited Consistency reviews and State Authorizations Subject to the ACMP* also known as the "ABC List". By statute DNR is to broaden the categorically consistent and generally consistent

determinations as much as possible in order to minimize the number of projects that are subject to an individual review.

In 2006 DCOM began the process of following the AS 46.40.096(m) directive and incorporating the ABC List into the ACMP regulations by soliciting comments and recommendations on the existing version of the ABC List. DCOM received a significant number of substantive comments and recommendations from the State resource agencies, coastal districts, industry representatives and other interested parties. DCOM has integrated many of these responses into the revised List documents subject to this consistency review.

The ACMP consistency review will provide a coordinated process for both public and State agency review and comment on the revised version of the ABC List. The objectives of any ACMP consistency review are to evaluate proposed projects against a set of standards and policies designed “to coordinate planning and decision making in the coastal area among levels of government and citizens engaging in or affected by activities involving the coastal resources of the state”.

#### Additional Review Information

The “AK 0803-05J” consistency review is the first of three progressive steps in the revision process for the ABC List. This will bring the existing components of the List into compliance with the standards and policies of the ACMP.

The second step will commence immediately following the completion of this current consistency review, at which time DCOM will begin another consistency review of the approximately 20 entirely new “generally consistent determinations” (GCDs) for the B-I List. These are new GCDs that were developed as a direct result of the 2006 DCOM solicitation for agency, coastal district, and industry comments and recommendations for revision of the entire ABC List.

The third step in the process will be a systematic review of each “activity series” of GCDs in the B-I List. DCOM will then enlist the agencies, the coastal districts, industry, and the public in a productive dialog to make the GCDs apply to the broadest range

of activities proposed within the coastal zone of the State.

During these three steps DCOM will concurrently be developing a series of Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) between the coordinating agency and the participating State agencies that will provide a comprehensive description of the respective responsibilities all parties will share in the implementation of each section of the ABC List. DCOM will then be providing all parties with hands-on ABC List implementation training.

#### Review Document Access –

DCOM will be providing State agency staff, coastal district coordinators, industry, and other interested parties with copies of the ACMP consistency review packet for “AK 0803-05J” which will include the following:

- **Project Data Sheet** (including review milestones/dates),
- Consistency Review Startup Packet **Distribution List**,
- Consistency Review **Startup Letter** (including links to the ACMP web site and the ABC List Revision documents), and
- ACMP Fax Cover Sheet and this **ACMP Public Notice**

The State will be maintaining electronic access links to all documents associated with the ABC List revision consistency review at the following web site:

- The DCOM “ABC List Revision Working Page” site is available at:  
<http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us/Clawhome/ABClist/ABClistRevision.htm>

The “ABC List Revision Working Page” site will have direct links to electronic copies of the revised A List, the B-I List, the B-II List, and the C List. For the B-I List in particular, each of the “generally consistent determinations” (GCDs) will have their own individual links for viewing.

This “ABC List Revision Working Page” site will also have copies of the ACMP consistency review startup packet of information as described at the beginning of this section above.

To aid in public participation and as information develops during the course of the ACMP consistency review - DCOM will be adding new or revised ABC List-related documents to the "Working Page" web site. DCOM encourages interested persons to check the site at regular intervals to access the latest available consistency review information.

**NOTE:**

**DCOM has been asked by the ADF&G Division of Habitat to extend the comment deadline past August 18, 2008. ADF&G stated that two additional days would allow them to complete their consistency comments. Given the importance of a broad range of consistency input on this ABC List revision – as of this date DCOM has decided to extend the consistency comment deadline two (2) calendar days from August 18, 2008 to August 20, 2008.**

**For Your Information:**

Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the DCOM review staff at the above address.

This Public Notice will be posted statewide on municipal office, local post office, and Coastal District Public Notice bulletin boards and on the ADNR public notice web site to be found at:  
<http://notes5.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf/PNByDeptActive?OpenView&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=13.3#13.3>.